The Faculty at The Division of Social Work, California State University Sacramento, is committed to working and serving individuals, groups, families, and communities from diverse ethnicities, genders, sexual orientations, socioeconomic status, ages, degrees of mental and physical abilities, religious and spiritual orientations. The focus as educators is to prepare students with the ability to serve and advocate for under-represented groups. While respecting a person’s religious beliefs or spiritual convictions, it is imperative that students graduating from our program develop and/or maintain an inclusive perspective toward working with populations at risk and/or experiencing vulnerable life conditions. The faculty is committed to issues of social equality and justice, which guide our intention to promote non-discriminatory practices.

It is expected that students entering and participating in our program learn to honor and respect diverse life experiences while challenging biases, prejudices, and discriminatory practices perpetuated by themselves or others. This includes biases, prejudices, and discriminatory practices held toward gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgendered and transsexual individuals, people of color, people living with mental or physical disabilities, the aging, people from diverse socioeconomic backgrounds, and different genders.

Therefore, any prospective student contemplating applying to the C.S.U.S. Division of Social Work should examine carefully her/his own issues or beliefs which might impede her/his ability to comply with the values expressed in the above statement.